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SUBJECT: NOVEDADES ON U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS

SUMMARY: IN EDITORIALS ON JUNE 1 AND 11, THE SEMI-OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER NOVEDADES ATTACKED U.S. RAPPROCHEMENT WITH CUBA WHILE CUBA CONTINUES TO INTERVENE IN OTHER COUNTRIES (E.G. ANGOLA) AND TO VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS. IN ITS SECOND EDITORIAL THE NEWSPAPER CONCLUDED THAT THE 7.S. MIGHT NOT BE AFARAIID OF COMMUNISM, BUT THAT IT IS NOT THE SAME FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE STRENGTH TO REPEL AGGRESSION.

1. THE SEMI-OFFICIAL NESPAPER NOVEDADES COMMENTED ON THE STATE OF US-CUBAN RELATIONS IN EDITORIALS ON JUNE 10 AND 11. ITS JUNE 10 EDITORIAL NOTED CASTRO'S STATEMENT IN INTERVIEW WITH BARBARA WALTERS THAT HE WOULD NOT WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM ANGOLA AND HIS ADMISSION TO HAVING MORE THAN 3000 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN CUBAN JAILS. THE NEWS-PAPER QUESTIONED CARTER ADMINISTRATION POLICY OF "RUSHING TO ESTABLISH

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RELATIONS WITH CUBA WITHOUT ANY SIGNS THAT (CUBA) IS CHANGING INTERVENTIONIST TACTICS, MUCH LESS RESPECTING HUMAN RIGHTS..."

2. ON JUNE 11 NOVEDADES STATED THAT CASTRO DOES NOT WISH TO REINTEGRATE CUBA INTO INTER AMERICAN SYSTEM. ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER, "CASTRO BELONGS TO THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OF THE COMMUNIST

COUNTRIES, AND SUCH A POSITION IS IRREVERSIBLE. ONE MAY ATTEMPT TO HAVE COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH HIM, BUT ONE CAN NEVER EXPECT THAT HIS EXPANSIONIST TACTICS AND HIS FLAGRANT INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE AMERICAN CONTINENT WILL CHANGE. WE SEE THIS EVERY DAY IN THE ESCALATION OF TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE THAT COMES FROM CUBA AND SURGES IN EVERY CORNER OF THE HEMISPHERE." THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT "THE UNITED STATES MAY WELL NOT BE AFRAID OF COMMUNISM BUT IT IS NOT THE SAME FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE MEANS TO REPEL AGGRESSION WELL ABOVE OUR STRENGTH."

3. COMMENT: THE TWO EDITORIALS REFLECT NOT ONLY THE GON'S LONG-STANDING HOSTILITY TO AND FEAR OF CASTROISM, BUT ALSO THE CONCERN THAT THE UNITED STATES, HISTORICALLY THE GUARANTOR OF NICARAGUA'S SECURITY, MAY BE DISASSOCIATING ITSELF FROM THE GON AND LEAVING IT EXPOSED TO CUBAN-INSPIRED SUBVERSION.
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